



Astor Connection

Character Trait of the Month - Responsibility

Acting in a dependable, reliable, and trustworthy way.
Letting others see that they can depend on you.

News from the Eagle's Aerie

Hello Astor Families,

This week and next are filled with learning and opportunities to connect as a community and show our Astor Spirit! I am so excited to share some of our upcoming events with you below.

Astor Parent Equity (Oct. 24-25 @ 5:30-7:30pm)

This is a training for parents/guardians and community members. We will discuss race and equity, and participants will learn how to effectively have Courageous Conversations with friends, family, and children. Facilitated by Phu and Matti from PPS Equity and Partnerships.
Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP with Chris in the office.

Responsibility Assembly: Oct. 27 @ 9:00am

Students will be celebrated for consistently demonstrating the character trait of **Responsibility**. All parents/guardians are invited to join us to honor our students! November/December's character trait will be: **Citizenship**

Spirit Week: (Oct. 30-Nov. 2)

We will have Spirit Week next week. This is a chance for students to show their Astor Eagle Pride. Here is the line-up:

Monday=Pajama Day

Tuesday=Twin Day

Wednesday= Wacky Wednesday

Thursday=Astor Spirit (wear an Astor shirt or Astor colors black and red!)

Site Council (Oct. 30 @ 3:00)

What is Site Council? We meet as a school improvement team. All parents/guardians are invited and welcomed to attend Site Council meetings to support Astor. We need your feedback and perspective in order to improve all areas of our school. This month we will discuss our School Improvement Plan, Safety in our building, and Grandparent/Special Friends Day. Please join us!

Important Dates

October

- 23rd Picture Retake Day
- 24th Courageous Conversations
Community Meeting 5:30-7:30pm
- 25th Courageous Conversations
Community Meeting 5:30-7:30pm
- 27th Responsibility Awards Assembly
- 30th SPIRIT WEEK Begins!

PTSO Book Fair begins

Site Council Meeting 3:00pm

November

- 2nd Middle School Masquerade Dance
- 3rd No School Teacher Planning Day

PTSO Book Fair: (Oct. 30-Nov. 2)

Please stop by the library and buy some amazing books! Your purchases will support our school library.

Do you Twitter?

Did you know that we share pictures of learning, events, and activities going on at Astor on Twitter? If you like to be kept in the know, and see learning in action, then this is a great way to connect with us! All you do is go to Twitter and find us! Type @AstorK8 in the search box and you will be connected! It is also a great way to get newsletters and calendars using social media. Please call the office if you have questions about how to get started! You can see examples of what we post on our Twitter link on the Astor Homepage (look towards the bottom) using the link below.

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Thank you for sending such amazing students to school every day!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Sarah Zabel, Principal



Thank you to everyone who participated in Run for Astor and a special thanks to our volunteers and staff who helped tally laps and supply our runners with healthy snacks.

There's still time to make a pledge. Pledges are due on Thursday, November 2nd and those pledging \$10 or more receive a t-shirt with our Run for Astor logo.

Exciting News!

Mr. Nagle's Engineering class was selected as *one of five out of eighty* applicants to build a mini-boat that will be launched at sea and tracked by GPS. This program, sponsored by the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria, teaches students about ocean currents, geography, GPS tracking and much more! Students are writing a message in six languages chosen by their predictions of the boat's possible destinations. The boat has been named Lil' Big Boat and will be launched from the USCGC Steadfast on October 31st. "It's something new and something I haven't done before", says 8th grader Daniel. Bon Voyage!



Astor Middle School Band begins soon!

We're excited to announce a new middle school band program that will start in mid-November! Students in grades 6-8, new to band or those with experience, are welcome!

Mieke Bruggeman, an experienced musician and teacher who plays with the Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble, will be teaching the class two days per week after school. Students will need to rent or purchase their own instruments. More information will be available on the form going home with students this week.

Join the Astor PTSO!



Please consider joining our Astor PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization). This group works hard to provide funding for enrichment activities, field trips, and supplies for our classrooms. They hold fun family engagement activities and put on our biggest event of the year, the PTSO Carnival.

Membership is FREE! Stop by the PTSO desk and join today!



Help our 4th graders to go on their annual Oregon Trail Overnight trip in the spring by purchasing a 2018 Chinook Book!

This year, the book and app for your mobile device are \$25 or you may purchase the mobile app for \$15. A percentage of each sale will go toward the overnight trip.

Our 4th graders study the Oregon Trail and the trials and hardships the pioneers experienced to get to Oregon. The culmination of the study is to incorporate an overnight field trip to bring their studies to life! Let's help them become 4th grade pioneers! Wagons Ho!



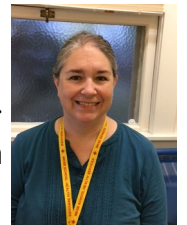
NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Please welcome our School Nurse, Bill Tomlinson, and School Health Assistant, Christy Trowbridge!



Nurse Bill has been a school nurse for 29 years and was at Astor from 1988 - 2002. He rides his bike almost every day from Sauvie Island, where he lives. Way to stay healthy!

SHA Christy lives in St. Johns and has a daughter in 2nd grade at Sitton. This is her first year as a health assistant. She is a Brownie leader and a member of the PTA at Sitton.



Both Nurse Bill and SHA Christy would like to remind you that cold/flu season is coming. Please use the following guidelines:

When to keep your child home	Student may return to school
Fever greater than 100.5 degrees	Temperature is below 100 without medication
Rash or rash with fever	Rash disappears. Written or phone consent from doctor to school nurse or health assistant
Colored drainage from eyes; brown or green drainage from nose with fever of greater than 100.5; skin lesions that are weepy or pus-filled.	Discharge must be gone or student must be on antibiotics and have a written or phone consent from doctor to school nurse or health assistant
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 24 hours
Diarrhea	Symptom-free for 24 hours
Cough: deep, barking, or congested or productive of colored mucus	Symptom-free or student must have been on antibiotics for 24 hours and have a written or phone consent to school nurse or health assistant

SPIRIT WEEK!

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

MONDAY: PAJAMA DAY

Wear your favorite PJ's

TUESDAY: TWIN TUESDAY

Dress alike with your friends

WEDNESDAY: WACKY WEDNESDAY

Wear a funny hat, backward shirt or.....

THURSDAY: SPIRIT DAY

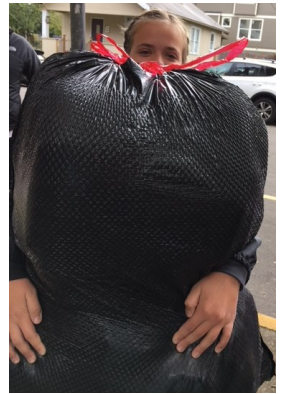
Wear school colors, red and black

**Middle School
Masquerade
Dance**

**Friday,
November 2nd
1:15 - 2:15 pm**

STAY TUNED!

**6th Graders leave for
Outdoor School!**



AROUND ASTOR



Run For Astor!



Great job, everyone!



**5th Graders
at Starbase!**



**Our students engage in
hands-on STEM projects
for 5 days at STARBASE.**



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STEM at Astor Newsletter

Fall 2017

Hi Astor Community!

This is David Nagle and I am the STEM coordinator here at Astor School. I met a lot of people at Back to School Night, and I hope to meet more of you in the future. STEM is a new program here at Astor. The purpose of STEM is to get students interested and active in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Here's what we've been up to so far:

Middle School Electives:

The Engineering 1 class has started the Mini Boat project. We will build two boats with the help of Nate from the Columbia River Maritime Museum. We will build one this quarter, launch it in the Pacific, and then track it via GPS. We will build a second boat next quarter and then Nate will bring it to Japan. There, a middle school will launch it in the Pacific and then both classes will track it via GPS. When not working on the Mini Boats, students are working on creating electronic music using LMMS software and Garageband.

The Design U class has deconstructed several electronic devices and have build some "jitterbots" with the parts. Right now students are learning how to use CAD software and the 3D printer. We use an online CAD program called Tinkercad.com, and students save their work in the cloud.

K-5 Classes:

I have been working with the kindergarteners on building bridges and examining the changes of autumn. First grade has been studying insects, making insects with various materials (see below), and exploring the garden to find examples. Second grade is learning about weather and cloud types. Third grade has already erupted some amazing volcanoes and are now learning about rocks and minerals. Fourth grade is learning about the processes of science and peer review through an activity called the Mystery Boxes. 5th grade has been busy with some amazing field trips to Starbase and I hope to be working with them soon.

If you have any questions or ideas to share, please email me at dnagle@pps.net. Also, see my website for all things STEM at Astor: mrnagle.wordpress.com. If you would like to help out the new STEM room by donating supplies, please check out the wish list below.

Tools & hardware:

screwdrivers!
magnets!
pliers!
tweezers
magnetic bowls!
small hand saws
small hammers
glue guns
pipe insulation
tubes
drills
soldering stuff
PVC pipe cutter
spools of wire
wheels & casters
copper tape
washers
saw horses

Containers: (clean)

bus tubs!
assorted bins
plastic bottles
plastic cups

Household items:

tape (all kinds)
aluminum foil
wax paper
tissues
paper towels
corks
spaghetti
hand towels (clean)
mousetraps
plastic cutlery
toothpicks
a working bicycle
pump
clean 2-liter soda
bottles

Human Resources:

Guest Science
Technology
Engineering and
Math experts!

Working Technology

digital cameras
working laptops

Technology for tinkering:

(working or not)
cassette decks! &
players!
VCRs
DVD & blu-ray
players
adding machines
fans
modems
hubs
routers
phones (rotary!)
mice
keyboards
mechanical toys
printers (not laser).
Machinery with
moving parts!

NOT wanted technology:

TVs or monitors
microwaves
laser printers

Misc:

ping pong balls
tennis balls
marbles
ball-bearings
golf balls
tree cross-sections
("tree cookies")
hummingbird
feeders
green screen

Raw Materials:

wood, metal,
plastic. storage
help for large
amounts of wood

Toys:

Legos!!!!
erector sets
Lincoln logs, etc.
building toys
balloons
Play Dough
bouncy balls
action figures

School & Art

Supplies:

pipe cleaners
small whiteboards
permanent markers
balloons!
register tape rolls
hot glue guns & glue

